

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7 of the substitute specification of the present application as follows:

The suction bell represented in Fig. 2 consists in essence of a vacuum-tight chamber 30, into which leads the pipe-shaped molten extrusion 10. This chamber is equipped with a vacuum connection 5, and provision is made inside the chamber for measuring instruments 12, which control the outside diameter of the molten extrusion and, depending on the desired widening of the molten extrusion, now control the vacuum, so that this is higher or lower. Figure 2 illustrates measuring instruments 12 resting on the outer surface of the molten extrusion 10 and Figure 3 illustrates measuring instruments 12 not physically touching the outer surface of the molten extrusion 10. Thus, there takes place a regulating of the vacuum in dependence on the desired pipe geometry, i.e. of the desired pipe outside diameter.